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This issue contains guidance documents relevant to current public health events and information from **October 13 – October 20**.

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## COCA News and Announcements

### Recent COCA Calls:

**Preparing for Ebola: What U.S. Hospitals Can Learn From Emory Healthcare and Nebraska Medical Center**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 14, 2014

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo\\_101414.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/2014/callinfo_101414.asp)

Archived COCA conference calls are available at [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/calls/index.asp).

Free continuing education credits (CME, CNE, ACPE, CEU, CECH, and AAVSB/RACE) are available for most calls. For more information about free CE, visit [emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/continuingeducation.asp)

## CDC Emergency Response – 2014 Ebola Outbreak in West Africa

**NEW:** CDC Taking Active Steps Related to Hospital Preparedness for Ebola Treatment

[www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/fs1014-ebola-investigation-fact-sheet.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/fs1014-ebola-investigation-fact-sheet.pdf)

**NEW:** Questions and Answers about Ebola and Pets

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/transmission/qas-pets.html>

**NEW:** Ebola Waste Management

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/medical-waste-management.html>

**Updated:** Outbreak Update

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/2014-west-africa/index.html>

**NEW:** Facts about Ebola Infographic

<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/facts-about-ebola.pdf>

**Updated:** CDC Ebola Microsite for healthcare workers now available

CDC has created an Ebola microsite specifically for U.S. healthcare workers featuring the most current Ebola content, guidance and resources for healthcare practitioners. The embed code for this microsite is available in CDC's new syndication site, the [Public Health Media Library](#). Please contact [IMTech@cdc.gov](mailto:IMTech@cdc.gov) for technical support.

## CDC News and Announcements

### **CDC Science Clips: Volume 6, Issue: 42 – (CDC)**

Each week select science clips are shared with the public health community to enhance awareness of emerging scientific knowledge. The focus is applied public health research and prevention science that has the capacity to improve health now.

[www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/](http://www.cdc.gov/library/sciclips/issues/)

## Public Health Preparedness

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response – (CDC)**

Find preparedness resources for all hazards.

[emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/hazards-all.asp)

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response Training Resources for Clinicians – (CDC)**

Find online and in-person training resources at

[emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/coca/trainingresources.asp)

## Natural Disasters and Severe Weather

### **Food and Water Needs: Preparing for a Disaster or Emergency – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater/prepare.asp)

### **Health and Safety Concerns for All Disasters – (CDC)**

[emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/alldisasters.asp)

## Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)

MMWR publications are prepared by CDC. To electronically subscribe, go to

[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/mmwrsubscribe.html)

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- [Cluster of Ebola Cases Among Liberian and U.S. Health Care Workers in an Ebola Treatment Unit and Adjacent Hospital — Liberia, 2014](#)
- [Developing an Incident Management System to Support Ebola Response — Liberia, July–August 2014](#)
- [Surveillance and Preparedness for Ebola Virus Disease — New York City, 2014](#)

## Infectious, Vector-Borne, and Zoonotic Diseases

### **Seasonal Influenza**

#### **Weekly Flu View – October 10 (CDC)**

Flu View is a weekly influenza surveillance report prepared by CDC's Influenza Division. All data are preliminary and may change as CDC receives more reports.

[www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/)

#### **Planning and Preparedness: Health Professionals and Seasonal Flu – (HHS)**

Healthcare providers play an important role during flu season. The following guidance and information will assist healthcare providers and service organizations to plan and respond to seasonal flu.

[www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html](http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/index.html)

## Travel Safety

### Current Travel Warnings – October 16 (U.S. Department of State)

The U.S. Department of State issues Travel Warnings when long-term, protracted conditions make a country dangerous or unstable. Travel Warnings recommend that Americans avoid or carefully consider the risk of travel to that country. The State Department also issues Travel Warnings when the U.S. government's ability to assist American citizens is constrained due to the closure of an embassy or consulate or because of a drawdown of State Department staff.

[travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html)

## Food, Drug, and Device Safety

### MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program – (FDA)

MedWatch is your Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gateway for clinically important safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products.

[www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm)

### FoodSafety.gov: Reports of FDA and USDA Food Recalls, Alerts, Reporting, and Resources – (HHS/USDA/FDA/CDC/NIH)

Foodsafety.gov lists notices of recalls and alerts from both FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Visitors to the site can report a problem or make inquiries.

[www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html](http://www.foodsafety.gov/recalls/recent/index.html)

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[CDC Health Partners Outreach Facebook page](#) – real time updates, guidance, and situational awareness for public health partners on Facebook

[Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity](#) – resources for health care providers

[COCA RSS Feed](#) – subscribe to be notified of conference calls, updates, and CDC guidance for health providers

[Crisis & Emergency Risk Communication Training](#) – training program that draws from lessons learned during public health emergencies, and incorporates best practices from the fields of risk and crisis communication

[Health Alert Network](#) – CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with public information officers; federal, state, territorial, and local public health practitioners; clinicians; and public health laboratories



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